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1. DURING SECRETARY'S JUNE 19 PRESS CONFERENCE AT CONCLUSION OF OTTAWA NATOMIN, HE REPLIED TO QUESTION ON JAPAN AS FOLLOWS.

2. "Q. DR. KISSINGER, YOU STATED IN YOUR APRIL 1973 SPEECH THERE WERE THREE DECLARATIONS THAT YOU WERE SEEKING. MAY I ASK YOU WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE OTHER TWO--THE ONE COVERING THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE GENERAL ONE INVOLVING JAPAN?

"A. NO, THAT IS NOT QUITE CORRECT. IN MY APRIL 1973 SPEECH I POINTED OUT THAT JAPAN EVENTUALLY HAD TO BE BROUGHT INTO THIS OVERALL STRUCTURE. AND THE IDEA WAS TO HAVE ONE COMMON ATLANTIC DECLARATION. LATER THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT MADE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE EMERGING EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNITY AND TO SEEK TO DRAFT A DOCUMENT THAT ESTABLISHED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THAT EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNITY AND THE UNITED STATES. BUT IT BECAME APPARENT, DURING THE COURSE OF DRAFTING THIS DOCUMENT,
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THAT UNTIL EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNITY WAS MORE FULLY

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ARTICULATED, IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO STATE GENERAL
PRINCIPLES AS TO ITS METHOD OF COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED
STATES. IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO PERMIT THE PRACTICE
TO DEVELOP SOMEWHAT FURTHER BEFORE A FORMAL ATTEMPT WOULD
BE MADE TO REDUCE IT TO WRITING. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS
DOCUMENT TAKES CARE OF THE NECESSITIES IN THE ATLANTIC
AREA, THOUGH WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE NINE WHEN THEY FEEL READY TO DO SO.

"WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN, THE NEED TO GIVE JAPAN A SENSE
OF BELONGING TO A STRUCTURE LARGER THAN ITSETF CONTINUES
TO BE, AND WILL REMAIN, A CONCERN OF AMERICA'S POLICY."

3. THE ISSUE OF JAPAN AND NATO DID NOT ARISE IN FORMAL
NAC DISCUSSIONS. SISCO

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